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WASHINGTON, October 25, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 20 totaled 346,564, up 0.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 and 2.2 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.0 percent in the West and were down 0.6 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, loadings of metals and products rose 1,452 cars (16.5 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,244 cars (4.2 percent), and loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand declined 1,727 cars (9.2 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 42 weeks of 1990 totaled 14,221,519, up 0.9 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 130,103 trailers and containers for the week ended October 20, up 3.7 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of 1990 was 4,997,887 trailers and containers, 3.7 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended October 20 totaled 21.2 billion, up 2.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 844.7 billion ton-miles, up 3.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	28,255	29,499	-4.2 %	26,261	7.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,969	2,560	16.0	3,333	-10.9
Metallic Ores	16,854	20,281	-16.9	15,682	7.5
Coal	134,131	127,006	5.6	131,170	2.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,964	18,691	-9.2	15,900	6.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,647	9,830	-1.9	9,353	3.1
Grain Mill Products	10,337	10,589	-2.4	10,342	.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,115	9,100	.2	8,905	2.4
Primary Forest Products	9,787	10,250	-4.5	9,546	2.5
Lumber & Wood Products	5,560	6,670	-16.6	5,659	-1.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,111	9,691	4.3	9,933	1.8
Chemicals	27,799	26,973	3.1	27,227	2.1
Petroleum Products	5,228	4,870	7.4	5,351	-2.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,065	11,110	-9.4	10,526	-4.4
Coke	5,325	5,791	-8.0	5,621	-5.3
Metals & Products	10,274	8,822	16.5	10,353	-.8
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,271	18,494	4.2	18,912	1.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,031	8,851	2.0	9,098	-.7
All Other Carloads	5,841	7,170	-18.5	6,090	-4.1
Total	346,564	346,248	.1 %	339,262	2.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 42 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	346,564	346,248	.1 %	14,221,519	14,090,517	.9 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	70,978	72,539	-2.2	2,787,463	2,813,546	-.9
Containers	59,125	52,960	11.6	2,210,424	2,006,717	10.2
Total	130,103	125,499	3.7	4,997,887	4,820,263	3.7
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.2	20.7	2.4 %	844.7	817.4	3.3 %

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